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PREMIER ANNOUNCES NEW DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, announced today that Mr. Donald R. Currie, M.Sc., had agreed to accept an appointment as the new Director of Industrial Development in South Australia. This announcement, after a meeting of Cabinet this morning, follows on an earlier statement by Mr. Dunstan when he took office as Premier, that the activities associated with industrial promotion in South Australia would be stepped up.

Mr. Currie is at present in charge of the South Australian operations of I.C.I. For his Master of Science degree he majored in Chemistry. He joined I.C.I. in England and subsequently worked in Scotland before coming to Australia in 1940. He has had various technical appointments with I.C.I. mainly as a Works Manager. He was manager of the Botany Bay petro-chemical works of I.C.I. and is well qualified to pursue the potentialities of industries associated with natural gas supplies.

Mr. Dunstan said that the Government was pleased that Mr. Currie had accepted the offer made to him to undertake these important duties. His technical qualifications and practical experience in industry made him an ideal choice to head the branch of the Premier's Department associated with the important task of attracting new industry to the State.

During Mr. Currie's term as Works Manager, I.C.I. in South Australia has had spectacular development including a 20 per cent expansion of their solar saltfields and the establishment of the first Chlorine plant in South Australia, both multi million dollar projects.

Mr. Currie is wellknown to industrialists in South Australia. He is currently President of the South Australian branch of the Chemical Institute, and a member of the Council of the Chamber of Manufactures, and the Industrial

Safety Council.

It was expected that Mr. Currie would take up  
the duties of his office during August.

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